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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

ANNETTE HILTON-DAVIS, Administratrix of the Estate of LISA J. HILTON, deceased, 11242 Scarlet Oak Drive Hagerstown, MD 21740

Civil Action No.:

Plaintiff,

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

v.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION

COMPLAINT - MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

Plaintiff, Annette Hilton-Davis, as Administrator ad Prosequendum, to the Estate of Lisa J. Hilton, deceased, by and through the undersigned counsel, Kline & Specter, Attorneys at Law, hereby files the within Complaint against the above-referenced Defendant as follows:

PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff Annette Hilton-Davis is the Administrator ad prosequendum of the Estate of her deceased sister, Lisa J. Hilton, and resides at 11242 Scarlet Oak Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740.
 - 2. Tobi Smolensky, N.P., is an adult-citizen, resident and nurse practitioner licensed

to practice medicine in the State of New Jersey, who at all times relevant hereto, maintained a place of business and practiced medicine at CAMCare Health Corporation (hereinafter CAMCare) in Camden County at 8th and Carl Miller Boulevard, Camden, NJ 08104. At all times relevant hereto, Nurse Smolensky acted in the capacity of Plaintiff's decedent's treating nurse practitioner at CAMCare.

- 3. Andrenette Fleming, M.D., is an adult-citizen, resident and physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of New Jersey, who at all times relevant hereto, maintained a place of business and practiced medicine at CAMCare in Camden County at 8th and Carl Miller Boulevard, Camden, NJ 08104. At all times relevant hereto, Dr. Fleming acted in the capacity of Plaintiff's decedent's treating gynecologist and had supervisory responsibility for the nurse practitioners caring for Plaintiff's decedent at CAMCare.
- 4. "Sue", is an adult individual, citizen and resident of the State of New Jersey, who at all times relevant hereto, was the employee, agent and/or servant of Defendant, CAMCare in Camden County, New Jersey.
- 5. Karen Way, R.N., is an adult-citizen, resident and nurse licensed to practice medicine in the State of New Jersey, who at all times relevant hereto, maintained a place of business and practiced nursing at CAMcare in Camden County, New Jersey.
- 6. CAMCare is a business entity and medical healthcare facility, organized, operating and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey, maintaining a place of business at 8th and Carl Miller Boulevard, Camden, NJ 08104. CAMCare owns, maintains, operates and staffs, among other things, a hospital. At all times material hereto, CAMCare was engaged, through its actual agents, apparent agents, ostensible agents, servants, partners, and/or employees, including Tobi Smolensky, N.P., Andrenette Fleming, M.D., "Sue" and Karen Way,

R.N., in the provision of medical care and service to patients, such as Plaintiff's decedent, and at all times material has actual and/or constructive knowledge of the medical care provided to Plaintiff's decedent. As stated more fully herein, CAMCare's actual agents, apparent agents, ostensible agents, servants, partners, and/or employees, acted at all times within the course and scope of their employment with regard to the medical care and treatment rendered to Plaintiff's decedent.

- 7. Pursuant to Certification by the Attorney General, Tobi Smolensky, N.P., Andrenette Fleming, M.D., "Sue" and Karen Way, R.N. are deemed Public Health Service employees under 42 U.S.C. § 233(g), who were acting within the scope of their office as employees of CAMCare at the time of the incident out of which this claim arose, and therefore, this action shall be deemed an action against the United States pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2679(d)(1).
- 8. At all times relevant hereto, Tobi Smolensky, N.P., Andrenette Fleming, M.D., "Sue" and Karen Way, R.N. were licensed healthcare professionals and/or non-professional personnel, providing, overseeing and/or carrying out healthcare and services for Plaintiff's decedent, whose names may or may not be maintained in the medical records of CAMCare. At all times material hereto, these individuals were engaged, through their actual agents, apparent agents, ostensible agents, servants, partners, and/or employees, in the provision of medical care and services to Plaintiff's decedent, and at all times material, had actual and/or constructive knowledge of the medical care provided to her. As stated more fully herein, a claim is being asserted against the United States directly and/or under theories of respondeat superior, master-servant, agency and right of control for the medical care rendered to Plaintiff's decedent by these individuals in relation to care from June 23, 2007 to September 15, 2009.
 - 9. At all times relevant hereto, the above named entities and individuals provided

medical care, evaluation, treatment and services to Plaintiff's decedent, and in doing so, were acting in their own right, and in the course and scope of their duly authorized, actual agency, ostensible agency, servant, partnership, and/or employment relationship with CAMCare, to further the business interests of these entities. Accordingly, Defendant United States of America on behalf of CAMCare is liable for the negligent actions and omissions of the above named entity and individuals under theories of respondeat superior, master-servant, agency and right of control.

- 10. The injuries, damages and ultimate demise suffered by Plaintiff's decedent were caused solely and exclusively by the negligence and carelessness of the above named individuals, and/or their actual agents, apparent agents, ostensible agents, servants, partners and/or employees, and were due in no manner whatsoever to act or failure to act on Plaintiff's decedent's part.
- 11. At all times relevant hereto, a physician-patient and/or a nurse-patient and/or healthcare provider-patient relationship existed between Plaintiff's decedent and the medical providers in this action and their actual agents, apparent agents, ostensible agents, servants, partners, and/or employees.
- 12. At all times relevant hereto, all medical providers were conducting business activity within the State of New Jersey.
- 13. Plaintiff is asserting professional liability claims against the United States of America as specified herein.

STATEMENT OF JURISDICTION

14. This Court also has original subject matter jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1346(b)(1) because the United States is a defendant to this action based upon the

Certification by the Attorney General, that Tobi Smolensky, N.P.. Andrenette Fleming, M.D., "Sue" and Karen Way, R.N. are deemed Public Health Service employees under 42 U.S.C. § 233(g), who were acting within the scope of their office at the time of the incident out of which this claim arose, and therefore, this action shall be deemed an action against the United States pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2679(d)(1).

15. Further, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2679(d)(5) and 2675(a), this claim is timely presented under section 2401(b) because the claim would have been timely filed had it been filed on the date the underlying civil action was commenced and the claim was presented to the appropriate Federal agency more than six (6) months ago, and no agency action has been taken pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2401(b).

STATEMENT OF VENUE

16. This Court properly has venue over this matter in accordance with 28 U.S.C. \$1391 and \$1402(b) because the cause of action arose in this judicial district.

FACTS

- 17. Ms. Hilton was seen at CAMCare on June 23, 2006 for a routine gynecologic examination, including PAP testing.
- 18. Ms. Hilton was seen by CAMCare employee and/or agent Tobi Smolensky, N.P. on June 23, 2006.
- 19. It is believed and therefore averred that CAMCare employee and/or agent Andrenette Fleming, M.D., had supervisory responsibility for Nurse Smolensky.
- 20. The PAP test was interpreted by Defendant, Antonius Sehonandra, M.D. from LabCorp.

- 21. According to Dr. Sehonandra, this PAP testing revealed highly atypical cells suspicious for cervical cancer.
- 22. The report containing the PAP test results was issued on July 10, 2006 by LabCorp and was received at CAMCare on July 11, 2006 by "Sue".
- 23. Defendant, Karen Way, R.N., documented her awareness of the findings from the June 23, 2007 PAP smear, but failed to notify Plaintiff of them at any time.
- 24. Neither CAMCare, Dr. Sehonandra, "Sue", Nurse Way nor any other person or entity notified Ms. Hilton of these abnormal and concerning findings.
- 25. On July 21, 2006, Ms. Hilton returned to CAMCare to receive the results from her PAP testing from Nurse Smolensky.
- 26. Ms. Hilton was told by Nurse Smolensky on July 21, 2006 that her PAP results were pending and that she should return to the office as needed.
- 27. Ms. Hilton was never properly notified by CAMCare or Nurse Practitioner Smolensky, Dr. Fleming, Dr. Sehonandra, "Sue", or Nurse Way of these abnormalities highly suspicious and concerning for cervical cancer from her June 23, 2006 PAP smear.
- 28. On August 30, 2007, Ms. Hilton returned to CAMCare, at which time she still had not been notified of the results of her 2006 PAP smear.
 - 29. Ms. Hilton was seen by Debbie Spencer, M.D. on August 30, 2007.
- 30. During her office visit of August 30, 2007, Ms. Hilton reported heavy menses, irregular bleeding and pain with intercourse.
- 31. On examination, a 5x5 cm. friable mass was present. A PAP smear and cervical biopsy were performed on August 30, 2007.

- 32. Ms. Hilton returned to CAMCare on September 14, 2007 and was seen by Debbie Spencer, M.D.
- 33. Dr. Spencer documented that Ms. Hilton had invasive poorly differentiated squamous cell cervical carcinoma and was referred to oncology at Cooper Hospital.
- 34. Ms. Hilton was diagnosed with highly aggressive Stage IIB cervical cancer and underwent surgery, chemotherapy and radiation treatment.
- 35. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' negligence and carelessness in the delay in diagnosis and treatment of her cancer, Ms. Hilton died on September 25, 2009.
- 36. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and carelessness of the Defendants and their agents and/or employees as set forth with particularity herein, Plaintiff's decedent experienced a worsening and progression of her condition, metastasis, loss of chance of cure and various other conditions associated with the progression of her cancer.
- 37. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' negligence and carelessness, Plaintiff's decedent required additional medical care and treatment, including multiple painful procedures and treatments. Plaintiff's decedent also incurred substantial medical expenses.
- 38. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' negligence and carelessness, Plaintiff's decedent experienced significant pain and suffering, loss of enjoyment of life and loss of life's pleasures, humiliation, disfigurement, embarrassment, and loss of income and future economic horizons.

COUNT I – NEGLIGENCE

39. The preceding paragraphs are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

- 40. The negligence and carelessness of Tobi Smolensky, N.P., Andrenette Fleming, M.D., "Sue" and Karen Way, R.N. is set forth below as follows:
 - a. Failure to properly diagnose, manage, and treat Ms. Hilton's cervical cancer;
 - b. Failure to timely and properly notify Ms. Hilton of abnormal and concerning findings from PAP smear;
 - c. Negligently delaying in the diagnosis and treatment of Ms. Hilton's cervical cancer;
 - d. Failing to timely perform biopsy in light of concerning findings from PAP smear;
 - e. Failing to timely refer Ms. Hilton to a specialist to initiate proper treatment of her cervical cancer;
 - f. Failing to initiate aggressive management and treatment of Ms. Hilton's cervical cancer.
 - g. Failing to evaluate all relevant information with respect to Ms. Hilton's test results.
 - h. Failing to properly document the medical record;
 - i. Failing to properly supervise medical personnel;
 - j. Failing to take all reasonable steps so as not to be a substantial contributing factor in the injury and harm suffered by Ms. Hilton;
 - k. Failing to take all appropriate steps so as not to cause injury and harm toMs. Hilton;

- Failing to comply with accepted standards of care in all aspects of Ms.
 Hilton's care as described herein;
- m. Negligently increasing the risk of harm.
- As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and carelessness of the above individuals, jointly and severally, as set forth with particularity herein, Plaintiff's decedent suffered progression and worsening of cervical cancer, metastasis, loss of chance of cure, various conditions associated with cervical cancer, and required painful medical care and treatment.
- 42. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and carelessness of all defendants, jointly and severally, as set forth herein, Plaintiff's decedent suffered substantial pain, suffering, embarrassment, humiliation, disfigurement and death.
- 43. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and carelessness, jointly and severally, as set forth herein, Plaintiff's decedent suffered loss of income and future economic horizons.
- 44. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and carelessness, jointly and severally, as set forth herein, Plaintiff's decedent incurred substantial medical expenses.

COUNT II – CORPORATE NEGLIGENCE

- 45. The preceding paragraphs are incorporated as though fully set forth herein.
- 46. CAMCare owed a non-delegable duty directly to Plaintiff, which consisted of:
 - A duty to use reasonable care in the maintenance of safe and adequate facilities and equipment;
 - b. A duty to select and retain only competent physicians;
 - c. A duty to oversee all persons who practice medicine within its walls as to patient care; and

- d. A duty to formulate, adopt, and enforce adequate rules and policies to ensure quality care for the patients.
- 47. The corporate negligence committed by CAMCare, arises out of the medical evaluation, care, and treatment rendered to Plaintiff at CAMCare from June 23, 2006 to September 25, 2009 and, consists of the following failures:
 - a. Failing to use reasonable care in the maintenance of safe and adequate facilities and equipment by failing to ensure timely and proper:
 - b. Diagnosis, treatment, and/or management of Plaintiff's cervical disease;
 - c. Formulation of a plan of care to properly diagnose, treat, and/or manage

 Plaintiff's cervical disease;
 - d. Proper notification of concerning and ominous laboratory results;
 - e. Referral to an appropriate specialist for prompt treatment of cervical disease;
 - f. Aggressive medical and surgical management of Plaintiff's cervical disease;
 - g. Communication by and between members of CAMCare and Plaintiff's decedent regarding Plaintiff's cervical disease;
 - h. Supervision of members of CAMCare regarding the care and treatment being rendered to Plaintiff;
 - i. Documentation of the medical record.
- 48. Failing to select, retain and monitor the competence of the members of its medical staff and those affiliated physicians and nurses by failing to ensure:
 - a. Diagnosis, treatment, and/or management of Plaintiff's cervical disease;

- Formulation of a plan of care to properly diagnose, treat, and/or manage
 Plaintiff's cervical disease;
- c. Recognition and/or investigation of signs and symptoms of cervical disease;
- d. Prompt referral to an appropriate specialist for treatment of cervical disease;
- e. Initiating aggressive medical and surgical management of Plaintiff's cervical disease;
- f. Communication by and between members of CAMCare and Plaintiff's decedent regarding Plaintiff's cervical disease;
- g. Supervision of members of CAMCare regarding the care and treatment being rendered to Plaintiff.
- 49. Failing to oversee all persons who practice medicine and nursing within its walls by failing to ensure timely and proper:
 - a. Diagnosis, treatment, and/or management of Plaintiff's cervical disease;
 - b. Formulation of a plan of care to properly diagnose, treat, and/or manage Plaintiff's cervical disease;
 - Recognition and/or investigation of signs and symptoms of cervical disease;
 - d. Prompt referral to an appropriate specialist for treatment of cervical disease;
 - e. Initiating aggressive medical and surgical management of Plaintiff's cervical disease;

- f. Communication by and between members of CAMCare and Plaintiff's decedent regarding Plaintiff's cervical disease;
- g. Supervision of members of CAMCare regarding the care and treatment being rendered to Plaintiff.
- 50. Failing to employ, adopt, enforce, and/or utilize proper mechanism, policies, procedures and regulations to ensure timely and proper:
 - a. Diagnosis, treatment, and/or management of Plaintiff's cervical disease;
 - Formulation of a plan of care to properly diagnose, treat, and/or manage
 Plaintiff's cervical disease;
 - Recognition and/or investigation of signs and symptoms of cervical disease;
 - d. Prompt referral to an appropriate specialist for treatment of cervical disease;
 - e. Initiating aggressive medical and surgical management of Plaintiff's cervical disease;
 - f. Communication by and between members of CAMCare and Plaintiff's decedent regarding Plaintiff's cervical disease;
 - g. Supervision of members of CAMCare regarding the care and treatment being rendered to Plaintiff.
- 51. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and carelessness of all medical providers identified herein, jointly and severally, as set forth with particularity herein, Plaintiff's decedent suffered progression and worsening of cervical cancer, metastasis, loss of chance of cure, various conditions associated with cervical cancer, and required painful medical care and

treatment.

- 52. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and carelessness of all medical providers identified herein, jointly and severally, as set forth herein, Plaintiff's decedent suffered substantial pain, suffering, embarrassment, humiliation, disfigurement and death.
- 53. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and carelessness of CAMCare, as set forth herein, Plaintiff's decedent suffered loss of income and future economic horizons.
- 54. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and carelessness of CAMCare, as set forth herein, Plaintiff's decedent incurred substantial medical expenses.

COUNT III- WRONGFUL DEATH

- 55. The preceding paragraphs are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 56. Plaintiff files this Wrongful Death action pursuant to the Wrongful Death Act, N.J.S.A. 2A:31-1, et. seq. and assert entitlement to all claims and damages as set forth in the Wrongful Death Act and supporting case law.
 - 57. The beneficiaries are:

Chontiquah D. Dyer, DOB 7-28-99;

Chanteya D. Dyer, DOB 8-12-93;

Dwayne E. Patterson, Jr., DOB 11-24-95;

Talia N. Hilton-Jones; DOB 11-22-99;

Arcolia E. Holton, Jr; DOB 08-12-93.

COUNT IV- SURVIVAL ACT

58. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 57, inclusive, as if set forth at length herein.

59. Plaintiff claims damages against all defendants in accordance with the New Jersey

Survival Act, which is incorporated by reference herein. (N.J.S.A. 2A:15-3 et seq.).

60. Plaintiff's decedent experienced significant pain and suffering, disfigurement and

fear of impending death her in connection with her cervical cancer as well as the other economic

losses described herein.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, demands judgment against Defendants, jointly and severally, as

follows:

1. Monetary damages in excess of the federal arbitration limit of \$150,000 (one hundred and

fifty thousand dollars), including compensatory damages against all Defendants;

2. Punitive damages;

3. Attorney's fees and costs; and

4. Such other relief as the Court deems proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: November 6, 2013

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